

# THE CHURCHES AND TO-DAY'S SERVICES

## DR. MUNHALL ATTACKS NIPPUR CRITIC'S THEORY

**Eminent Methodist Scholar Defends Interpretation of First Twelve Chapters of Genesis.**

Rev. R. W. Munhall, D. D., an eminent Bible scholar of the Methodist Episcopal Church, disagrees with Rev. John P. Peters, D. D., of New York, concerning the authorship of the first twelve chapters of Genesis. In a recent statement relative to the Nippur tablets in the possession of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Peters expressed the opinion that these chapters contained "legends and myths." Dr. Munhall disagrees with the learned theologian, and, to prove his argument, quotes the words of Jesus to show that He believed Moses was the writer of the book of Genesis. Dr. Munhall writes:

"In the Public Ledger of July 6, you publish an interview with Dr. John P. Peters, of New York, concerning the Nippur tablets. Whatever Dr. Peters may say about these famous tablets will be of interest, as he, presumably, knows as much about them as any one, though the records are but little known, because the Sumerian language had not been broken down and had not yet been done toward deciphering the tablets."

"But Dr. Peters, one of the foremost representatives of the new school of biblical conception, according to your own statement, takes advantage of the interview to promulgate some of the notions of that school with which I take issue. He says: 'This is probably the universal belief that Moses did not inspire any man who will do such a statement cannot be taken seriously in matters that require calm, careful, accurate, unprejudiced judgment. The statement is not true. For every man Dr. Peters can name who is competent to testify concerning this matter, who holds to such a view, I can name ten equally competent men who hold the opposite view.'

"Also Dr. Peters says: 'Genesis, particularly the first twelve chapters, contains only legends and myths,' and 'The modern belief was that Moses had nothing to do with writing the book.' Nothing new about such views; they can be found in Tom Fawcett's 'Age of Reason' and volume six, latest edition, of 'Voltaire's Works' in England, in the deistic controversy 150 or more years ago. But so little new teaching was so widely prevalent that from the students to the university, the skeptics were singing:

"'As sure as there's a God in Glory,  
Moses was a great impostor.'

"The Christian church has always believed that Moses wrote the Book of Genesis because there is abundance of proof that he did, and none at all that he did not. Dr. Peters, however, in his recent article, has adduced many cogent of the hand as trustworthy, that he did not. It is a habit with most so-called modern critics of the Bible to hold, assuming in their contention, what they cannot prove.

"Jesus believed that Moses wrote Genesis and in the history of what Dr. Peters called 'legend and myth' speaking to the Jews on one occasion, He said: 'Think not that I will accuse you to the Father; there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, whom ye have not seen.'

"For if ye believe Moses, ye would believe Me; but if ye believe not my writings, how shall ye believe My words? And These are My words which I speak unto you, while I was yet with you, how that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the Psalms, concerning Me.' And beginning from Moses, and from the prophets, He interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself."

"Where in the writings of Moses is anything said of Jesus? In Genesis 11:15 it is said, 'I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.' The evangelical scholars are agreed that this is a prediction of Christ, and is one of the writings referred to by the Saviour as by Moses. Another one of these predictions is found in Genesis 13:15.

"According to Doctor Peters's view, the creation of Adam and Eve, and the Noahian deluge are myths. Jesus, the great Teacher, though afterwards, in His day, He could recall that His which made some ancient authorities read 'created' them at the beginning made them male and female." The record Jesus here cites is in Genesis 1:27 and H. 24, 24.

"In Genesis, chapters viii and ix, inclusive, we have an account of the Noahian deluge, concerning which Jesus said: 'And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day Noah entered into the ark; and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Jesus unquestionably believed these records to be literally and historically true.'

"No one rejoices more than I over the noble work done by the antiquarians in deciphering the records of antiquity. Also, no one places a higher value upon real, reverent, honest scholarship. I believe in the wisest and fullest possible learning in all departments of things worth knowing. But, I am free to say, I have no respect for that so-called scholarship which has no room for criticism and supposition, and contradicts the explicit, plain teachings of the Son of God, or that even limits His knowledge. Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh sport of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ, for in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." (Col. II, 20.)

**MINISTER RECEIVES TWO D. D.'S IN ONE DAY**

Rev. Findlay M. Wilson, Pastor of Third Church of Covenants, in Kensington, Gets Reception.

Many ministers receive the honorary degree of doctor of divinity, but rarely falls to a clergyman's lot to receive two D. D.'s in one day. Yet this has been the experience of Rev. Findlay M. Wilson, D. D., pastor of the Third Church of the Covenants, in Kensington, who returned this week from a brief tour of the West, and told the story. The first D. D. was received at New Concord, O., where he preached a baccalaureate sermon incident to the graduation exercises in the academic department of Muskingum College. On the same day the faculty of Geneva College awarded him the same degree in recognition of his work for the Reformed Presbyterian Church and his services at the second World Christian Citizenship Conference in Portland, Ore.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN PLAN GREAT SHRINE TO VIRGIN

**Movement Inaugurated With Support of Pope Pius, Cardinal Gibbons and Others.**

A national shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be built by Catholic women all over the country—that is the unique object of a movement which has just been inaugurated by the National Organization of Catholic Women of the United States of America. As a sanction and encouragement to the project, the approval and blessing of Pope Pius X., Cardinal Gibbons and Cardinal O'Connell have been given. These have been formed a national executive committee with headquarters in New York. One hundred thousand dollars in the treasury would enable the organization to start the building of the crypt, which will form the basement of the completed church, and will contain a exact replica of the famous miraculous grotto at Lourdes, France.

### Religion in Schools.

The prevailing note of sentiment of the recent meeting of the Catholic Educational Association at Atlantic City was to make our schools thoroughly Catholic, which cannot be done by simply imitating the public schools and then teaching catechism for a short time. This contention was brought out in excellent papers by the clergy and the sisters. Among the resolutions adopted was this: "As there can be no separation of the name that each individual has chosen to be regretted that in our country priests, intermediate and higher education is imparted without reference to religious training. We note with pleasure that many prominent educators not of our faith are demanding a remedy for this condition. We rejoice in the rapid growth of Catholic colleges for women, and hope that Catholic parents to send their daughters to these institutions, where womanly virtues are developed under Catholic influence."

### Sisters of Charity for Ships.

A unique experiment which is being made by the North German Lloyd Steamship Line will be watched with great interest by social workers and those who have the welfare of the immigrant at heart. The line is sending its girls to sea, and each with every vessel to minister to the children of the steerage and their mothers. Two members of the order came over on the *Hannoveria* a week ago. In time every steamship of the line will be supplied with two of the nuns, the mother house in Vienna having agreed to furnish as many as may be needed. This experiment of the White Sisters was devised upon after the line had become impressed by the helplessness of the children during the parents' illness. A corner of the steerage has been set apart as a nursery, where the sisters will take turns, day and night, in caring for the children. Other lines will, no doubt, follow the lead given them, and the comfort of the steerage to our shores seems assured.

## SOCIAL SERVICE IDEA GAINS HOLD ON CHURCHES

The social service idea is taking a firm hold upon some of the churches. Social service might be defined broadly as the church serving the community. Its main content is that the church will regulate its efforts among the masses when it champions the welfare of the common people. A fortnight ago the Presbyterian Ministerial Association of Philadelphia unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Public Service Commission to reduce the freight rate on anthracite coal \$1 per ton. Statistics were presented to show that the present rate is excessive. The Presbyterians intend to ask other ministerial associations to take action. This is one manifestation of social service.

### FATHER PRESENTS SON AT ORDINATION SERVICE

Percy L. Urban was ordained a deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church by Bishop Garland last Thursday, in Holy Trinity Church, Lansdale. Rev. Abraham L. Urban, rector of Holy Trinity, father of the candidate, presented him for ordination. Mr. Urban has been engaged in missionary work in China.

### SERMON ON PROHIBITION AT CENTENARY TO-NIGHT

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Tyler, the rector, will preach this morning at 11 o'clock and tonight at 8:30.

St. Paul's Episcopal—Celebrating the first Sunday after Trinity, the subject of the sermon to be preached by the rector, Rev. Russell Bowie, D. D., will be "A New Commandment." The evening theme will be "Recognizing the Christians." There will be no celebration of the Holy Communion, but the evening service will be held in the Sunday school room, entrance on Ninth Street.

Broad Street Methodist—Both morning and evening services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. John W. Stark, who will preach this morning. His theme will be "The Hog Family and Their Friends."

Trinity Methodist—Rev. Stark will preach this morning on "Jesus' Harvest." His theme this evening will be "Small Beginnings."

Clay Street Methodist—Both services will be conducted by the pastor. The morning subject will be "A Dominant Personality in the World Today," and the evening theme, "The Church For the World."

First Baptist—Rev. George W. Clark, D. D., will preach at both services, this morning at 11 o'clock and to-night at 8 o'clock. His subject to-night will be "Will Prohibition Prevail?"

Second Baptist—What Christ Expected Us to Do will be the subject of the sermon to be preached by Rev. Thomas Claggett Skinner, D. D., this morning. There will be no evening service.

Grove Street Baptist—Rev. E. C. Duran, D. D., D. D., of Macon, Ga., will conduct both services, morning and evening, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. John J. Wickler.

Grace Street Baptist—There will be preaching this morning by the pastor, Rev. Lloyd T. Wilson, D. D. His subject will be "The Grace of Contentment." No service will be held to-night.

Grove Avenue Baptist—Rev. James V. Dugan, D. D., of Macon, Ga., will occupy the pulpit this morning at 11 o'clock. There will be no evening service.

Randolph Street Baptist—Rev. W. G. Robertson will preach this morning on "The People of Spain." His subject to-night will be "The Right Use of the Tongue."

Church of the Covenant—Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, D. D., will conduct the services this morning, when the communion service will be held.

Westminster Presbyterian—There will be preaching at the morning service by Rev. William C. James, pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church. At night the congregation will worship at the Church of the Covenant in union with the church.

Grace Street Presbyterian—Rev. P. Thomas of Santon, N. C., will preach this morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., the pastor, the evening services have been discontinued for the summer months.

First Presbyterian—Rev. F. T. McPaden, D. D., the pastor, will occupy the pulpit this morning. There will be no evening service.

Hanover Avenue Christian—Rev. George W. Kemper's sermon this morning will be conducted by Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., the pastor. The evening services have been discontinued for the summer months.

Colonial Place Christian—Following Sunday school, at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. George W. Kemper will conduct regular services.

First Church of Christ, Scientist—Regular services will be conducted this morning. The subject will be "Sacrament."

Third Christian—Rev. P. A. Cave, of Bowling Green, will occupy the pulpit this morning at 11 o'clock, and to-night at 8:30 o'clock.

The Church of the Holy Comforter—The Holy Communion service will be held this morning at 11:30 o'clock, followed by the evening prayer and sermon at 8 o'clock. The even song service will be held at 8 o'clock. The morning subject will be "The Downward and Upward Movement of Life," and to-night Rev. A. Vaughan Colston, the rector, will preach on "Sympathy and Charity."

St. Mark's Episcopal—Rev. S. R. Stephenson, D. D., the rector, will be the guest of the church this morning. The subject will be "The Venus Pocket Metal Bath Spray Container

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Miss May Owens is entertaining a house party in her home here, composed of the young women Miss Martha Bell, Washington, D. C., Miss Elizabeth Wilson, of Walkerton, Indiana, Miss Margaret Fox and another young woman.

Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, who went to Richmond, Aug. 10, to visit the Owens home, has come home in connection with the Fourth of July festivities, greatly improved in health. She returns this week to the mountains, but is expected home in a short time.

Miss Stephen Campbell, of Upper King William, Miss May Owens' hostess, is staying at the hotel in Lexington, Va., as guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Billings, at the Baptist parsonage.

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